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GRMN 102 Elementary German II

Spring Semester 2019

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Course Description

This course is a continuation from GRMN 101 (Elementary German I). Students who have successfully completed GRMN 101 with a grade of C- or higher or who have placed into GRMN 102 by language placement exam may take the course. Otherwise you must receive consent of the instructor to register. GRMN 102 is a four-skills course that teaches listening, speaking, reading, and writing with a focus on communication and useful everyday situations and themes, including shopping, going out, leisure activities, and getting around. Through these themes and by targeted activities, you will learn about various topics as you explore the diversity of culture and life in German-speaking countries. The course meets four times a week and offers you as much of an immersion experience as possible to optimize your exposure to and use of German.

Learning Outcomes

The course is designed to guide you to:

1. Understand spoken and written German in the context of common situations and in a broadening range of grammatical structures and expressions, specifically, those emphasized in the textbook chapters 5 – 8.
2. Produce basic, comprehensible spoken and written German, including brief verbal expressions in conversation and short compositions of a few paragraphs covering everyday topics in writing.
3. Acquire increased knowledge of the geography, history, culture, and people of regions where German is spoken and to express that acquaintance through speaking and writing in German.

Required Texts

Robert Di Donato, Monica D. Clyde, and Jacqueline Vansant. *Deutsch: Na klar!* Seventh Edition. Boston: McGraw-Hill.

Jeanine Briggs. *Workbook to Accompany Deutsch: Na klar!* Seventh Edition. Boston: McGraw-Hill.

Course Calendar

Thu January 10 – Tue February 5	Course Introduction, Chapter 5
Mon January 21	<i>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY – NO CLASS</i>
Wed February 6	Test on Chapter 5
Thu February 7 – Thu February 28	Chapter 6
Mon February 18	<i>PRESIDENTS' DAY – NO CLASS</i>
Mon March 4	Test on Chapter 6
Tue March 5 – Mon April 1	Chapter 7
Mo. March 25 – Fri March 29	<i>SPRING BREAK – NO CLASS</i>
Tue Apr 2	Test on Chapter 7
Wed April 3 – Mon April 22	Chapter 8
Tue April 23	Test on Chapter 8
Wed April 24 - Thu April 25	Review for Final Exam
Mon April 29, 7 – 9 pm	GRMN 102 Common Final Exam (Liberal Arts / Eck Hall 11 – Basement)

NOTE: The Final Exam is a common final for all sections of German 102 and does not correspond to the exam schedule for the individual classes.

Assessment Activities

Below is a listing of the types and categories of activities, assignments, and tests on which your assessment will be based.

Participation

Participation is a crucial element in learning a language, and you can only participate if you attend class (see Attendance Policy below). Much of the in-class work is comprised of interactivities, language exercises you complete with other students that get you to communicate with each other. For this to work, you need to initiate conversation, take chances with the language, and be open to learning from your successes and mistakes. Your participation assessment will be based on the following:

1. Verbal responses to written and spoken prompts in class and engagement and interaction with others
2. Individual and group written work for in-class activities and exercises
3. Assessment of vocabulary knowledge and use in class-based activities and mini-quizzes

Homework

Homework will consist of exercises from the workbook and the textbook, reading and preparing assigned segments for each session, as well as written compositions assigned in each chapter. It is important to keep up with homework as it is assigned and it is expected to be handed in on time. If you miss class, you are expected to consult Moodle or your colleagues and turn in your homework on the next day you are in class.

Chapter Quizzes

Each chapter there will be at least one brief quiz on selected material from the chapter.

Chapter Tests

Tests are given at the end of each chapter. While they focus on material covered in a given chapter, they will also include previous material as language learning is cumulative in nature. Tests can only be made up with advance notice and only when a sufficient and documented excuse is provided.

Outside-Class Conversation Practice and Pronunciation Work

The UM German Club holds conversation tables again this semester, and we encourage you to attend for extra practice. There will be outside-of-class conversation exercises expected three times during the semester for conversation credit. Your instructor will keep you informed of those conversation opportunities.

Final Conversation Activity

Toward the end of the semester you will meet with a group of others from class and engage in a conversation that will count as an assessment activity toward your final grade. The conversation will be set up to reflect an authentic verbal exchange where you will have the chance to discuss topics and use vocabulary and grammar patterns covered in the course. You will have the chance to review and practice for this activity before you do it.

Final Written Examination

The written final exam for all sections of GRMN 102 will take place on Monday, April 29th from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm in LA (Eck Hall) 11. The exam will be cumulative.

Student Conduct

Please refer to the [Student Conduct Code of the University](#) as it pertains to your conduct in the course and your responsibility to hand in work and/or perform activities assigned to be your own as indeed representing your own efforts.

<http://www.umd.edu/vpesa/Dean%20of%20Students/default.php>

Attendance Policy

As mentioned above, attendance in a language course is essential. It is important that you attend regularly in order not to fall behind. Excused absences may be allowed, but they must be specific and verifiable. Excused absences include illness, family emergencies, athletic or university-sponsored activities that can be verified by an administrator or official organization, and religious holidays, among others. If you have an excusable absence it is up to you to contact your instructor beforehand. For extended emergencies, exceptions can be made. Otherwise your absence will be considered unexcused. You will be allowed four (4) unexcused absences for the course without grade penalty. Twelve (12) unexcused absences may become grounds for failing the course solely because of absences.

Course Withdrawal

January 31, 2019 is the last day to withdraw from this course with refund. For a detailed listing of important University dates and deadlines, please visit

<http://www.umd.edu/registrar/calendar.php>

Electronic Devices

If you bring a cell phone to class, please, unless you are performing an assigned activity with it, set it either on vibrate or mute. Please, no personal texting during class. If on account of a documented disability you need to use an electronic device for activities beyond those assigned for use of one, please inform your instructor.

Disability Modifications

This course offers equal opportunity in education for all participants, including those with documented physical and documented learning disabilities. For information regarding documentation of disabilities, approaching your instructor with pertinent information, and establishing guidelines for potential accommodation, you may consult the [Disability Services for Students \(DSS\)](http://www.umd.edu/dss/) website at: <http://www.umd.edu/dss/>. The DSS Office is located in Lommasson 154; the phone number is 243-2243.

Grading

Final grades will be calculated by the following points and percentages:

Participation	200 pts
Homework and Preparation (4 x 30 pts = 120 pts)	120 pts
Chapter Quizzes (4 x 20 pts = 100 pts)	80 pts
Chapter Tests (4 x 100 pts = 500 pts)	400 pts
Conversation Practice and Pronunciation Work	100 pts
Final Conversation Activity	100 pts
Final Written Exam	200 pts
Total	1200 pts

Letter Grades by Percentage (%) of Course Points

Letter grade	Course Point %	Letter grade	Course Point %
A	93-100	C	73-76
A-	90-92	C-	70-72
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
B	83-86	D	63-66
B-	80-82	D-	60-62
C+	77-79	F	0-59